

The media is our Fourth Estate. It is supposed to be a watchdog over the other three, plus corporate America, nonprofit America, etc. etc. Our media sources have become noticeably less objective in their coverage of all sorts of news. Maybe it's my age, but over the years the influence of a media outlet's ownership in discouraging, if not censoring, certain comments and subjects. I can see NO valid reason to reduce the number of owners of media outlets. The rule should not be relaxed but rather tightened. The number of cable channels may be proliferating, but the number of newspapers is still shrinking. Which makes it all the more important that ownership be as independent as possible. I realize the big guys want to make more money. What else is new? The purpose of our government, in part, is to protect us from their greed.

Thank you,
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